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In re Appln. of: Steven L. Williamson

Appln. No.: 10/538,248

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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449 and Two Required References
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Respectfully submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
4,722,586	02/02/1988	Dodson et al.
5,307,434	04/26/1994	Blonder et al.
5,469,456	11/21/1995	Rogers et al.
WO01/53862 A1	07/26/2001	Bulman et al.
WO03/023460A2	03/20/2003	Meder, et al.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

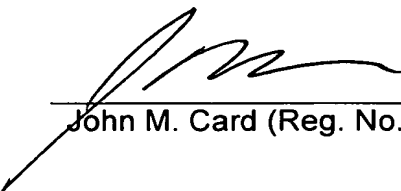
By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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